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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, the Secretary-General sent a note verbale to Member States informing them of the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2000 (3 and 4 May 2000).

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in 2000 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The Secretary-General, in the annex to his note verbale, indicated the pattern applicable to each of those commissions.

3. The current membership of the functional commissions is given in the annex below. The number of members to be elected to each commission from each regional group is also indicated.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2000

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Botswana (2001), Côte d'Ivoire (2001), Morocco (2003), Tunisia (2001), Uganda (2003)

Four members from Asian States

China (2003), India* (2000), Japan* (2000), Pakistan (2003)

Four members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic* (2000), Hungary (2003), Romania (2003), Russian Federation (2001)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2001), Jamaica* (2000), Mexico* (2000), Peru (2003)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Australia (2001), Germany (2001), Iceland (2001), Netherlands* (2000), Portugal* (2000), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2000), United States of America (2003)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2003), Burundi (2002), Cameroon* (2000), Côte d'Ivoire* (2000), Ethiopia* (2000), Guinea (2002), Kenya (2003), Malawi (2001), Niger (2001), Nigeria (2001), South Africa (2001), Uganda (2003)

* Retiring member.

Eleven members from Asian States

Bangladesh* (2000), China (2001), India (2001), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2002), Japan (2003), Malaysia* (2000), Pakistan (2003), Philippines (2001), Republic of Korea (2001), Thailand* (2000), Yemen (2002)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2003), Croatia (2002), Hungary* (2000), Russian Federation (2001), Ukraine (2001)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2003), Chile (2002), Costa Rica* (2000), El Salvador (2001), Haiti (2002), Jamaica (2001), Mexico (2001), Panama* (2000), Paraguay* (2000)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Belgium* (2000), Canada* (2000), France (2003), Germany* (2000), Italy (2002), Netherlands (2003), Sweden (2001), Turkey* (2000), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2001), United States of America (2001)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2002), Benin (2003), Cameroon* (2000), Ghana (2003), Guinea (2002), Malawi* (2000), Morocco (2002), Nigeria (2003), South Africa* (2000), Sudan (2003), Swaziland (2002), Uganda* (2000)

Ten members from Asian States

China* (2000), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2002), India* (2000), Indonesia (2003), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2002), Japan (2003), Pakistan* (2000), Philippines* (2000), Republic of Korea (2003), Thailand (2002)

* Retiring member.

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2003), Croatia (2002), Poland* (2000), Romania* (2000), Russian Federation (2003)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2002), Chile* (2000), Cuba* (2000), Dominican Republic (2002), Ecuador (2003), Guatemala (2003), Haiti (2002), Jamaica* (2000), Peru (2003)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Canada* (2000), Finland* (2000), France (2003), Germany (2003), Malta* (2000), Netherlands* (2000), Spain (2002), Sweden (2002), Turkey (2002), United States of America (2003)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Human Rights

(53 members; three-year term)

Fifteen members from African States

Botswana* (2000), Burundi (2002), Congo* (2000), Liberia (2001), Madagascar (2001), Mauritius (2001), Morocco* (2000), Niger (2001), Nigeria (2002), Rwanda* (2000), Senegal* (2000), Sudan* (2000), Swaziland (2002), Tunisia* (2000), Zambia (2002)

Twelve members from Asian States

Bangladesh* (2000), Bhutan* (2000), China (2002), India* (2000), Indonesia (2002), Japan (2002), Nepal* (2000), Pakistan (2001), Philippines* (2000), Qatar (2001), Republic of Korea (2001), Sri Lanka* (2000)

Five members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2002), Latvia (2001), Poland* (2000), Romania (2001), Russian Federation* (2000)

* Retiring member.

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2002), Brazil (2002), Chile* (2000), Colombia (2001), Cuba* (2000), Ecuador (2002), El Salvador* (2000), Guatemala* (2000), Mexico (2001), Peru* (2000), Venezuela* (2000)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Canada* (2000), France (2001), Germany (2002), Italy (2002), Luxembourg* (2000), Norway (2001), Portugal (2002), Spain (2002), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2000), United States of America (2001)

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Twenty-four members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Seven members from African States;

Six members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term)

Thirteen members from African States

Benin (2003), Burundi (2002), Côte d'Ivoire (2001), Egypt (2002), Ethiopia* (2000), Ghana* (2000), Lesotho (2001), Malawi (2003), Morocco* (2000), Rwanda (2001), Senegal (2002), Sudan (2001), Uganda (2001)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2003), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (2002), India (2001), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2001), Japan* (2000), Kyrgyzstan (2003), Malaysia (2001), Mongolia (2002), Republic of Korea (2001), Sri Lanka (2001), Thailand* (2000)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia (2003), Lithuania (2002), Poland* (2000), Russian Federation (2002)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (2001), Brazil (2003), Chile (2003), Cuba (2001), Dominican Republic (2003), Mexico (2002), Paraguay* (2000), Peru* (2000), St. Lucia (2001)

* Retiring member.

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2002), Denmark (2003), France* (2000), Germany* (2000), Italy (2002), Turkey (2002), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2000), United States of America (2003)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)[a]

Eleven members from African States

Angola (2003), Benin (2003), Côte d'Ivoire (2001), Egypt (2003), Ghana (2001), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2003), Mauritius (2001), Mozambique (2003), Sierra Leone (2001), Sudan (2003), Swaziland (2003)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2001), India (2003), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2003), Japan (2001), Kazakhstan (2003), Kyrgyzstan (2003), Lao People's Democratic Republic (2001), Lebanon (2001), Philippines (2003), Republic of Korea (2003), Thailand (2003)

Six members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2003), Romania (2001), Russian Federation (2001), Slovakia (2003), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2003), Ukraine (2001)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States[a]

Argentina (2003), Bolivia (2003), Brazil (2003), Chile (2001), Colombia (2001), Cuba (2003), Ecuador (2003), Mexico (2001), Peru (2003), Uruguay (2001), Venezuela (2003)

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49 of 21 June 1999, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States in 1999 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2000.

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Austria (2003), Australia (2001), Canada (2003), Denmark (2003), France (2003), Germany (2003), Greece (2003), Italy (2003), Portugal (2003), Spain (2001), Switzerland (2001), Turkey (2001), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2001), United States of America (2003)

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Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2002), Benin* (2000), Botswana* (2000), Côte d'Ivoire* (2000), Egypt (2002), Morocco (2002), Nigeria (2002), Sierra Leone (2002), South Africa (2002), Sudan (2002), Togo* (2000), Tunisia (2002)

Nine members from Asian States

China* (2000), India* (2000), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2000), Japan (2002), Pakistan (2002), Philippines (2002), Republic of Korea* (2000), Saudi Arabia* (2000), Thailand (2002)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2002), Poland* (2000), Romania* (2000), Russian Federation (2002)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2000), Bolivia (2002), Brazil* (2000), Costa Rica* (2000), Ecuador* (2000), Jamaica (2002), Mexico* (2000), Peru (2002)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2002), Canada (2002), France* (2000), Germany* (2000), Italy* (2000), Spain (2002), United States of America* (2000)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Five members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term)[b]

Thirteen seats for African States[c]

Algeria* (2001), Angola (2002), Cameroon (2002), Côte d'Ivoire* (2001), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2002), Djibouti (2000), Egypt (2000), Mauritania* (2001), Mauritius* (2001), Mozambique (2002), Niger (2000), Sudan (2000), Tunisia (2002)

Eleven seats for Asian States[d]

China (2002), Democratic People's Republic of Korea* (2001), India (2000), Indonesia (2000), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2001), Japan (2000), Kazakhstan (2002), Lebanon (2002), Philippines* (2001), Republic of Korea (2002), Sri Lanka* (2001)

Six seats for Eastern European States[e]

Bulgaria (2000), Czech Republic* (2001), Hungary* (2001), Russian Federation (2002), Slovakia (2000), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2002)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Brazil* (2001), Colombia (2002), Cuba (2002), Guyana (2002), Mexico (2000), Nicaragua* (2001), Panama (2000), Paraguay (2002), Peru* (2001), Venezuela (2000)

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* Retiring member.

[b] In accordance with Council resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect 17 members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting of the Commission's tenth session in 2001 and expiring at the close of the Commission's twelfth session in the year 2004.

[c] At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed organizational session for 1999, on 6 May 1999, the Council elected Madagascar, Mali, the Sudan and Uganda to replace those members whose terms would expire in 2000.

[d] At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed organizational session for 1999, on 6 May 1999, the Council elected Japan, Pakistan and Thailand to replace those members whose terms would expire in 2000.

[e] At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed organizational session for 1999, on 6 May 1999, the Council elected Belarus and Poland to replace those members whose terms would expire in 2000.

[f] At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed organizational session for 1999, on 6 May 1999, the Council elected Bolivia, Guatemala and Mexico to replace those members whose terms would expire in 2000.

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States[g]

Belgium[h] (2002), Canada (2000), Denmark (2002), France* (2001), Germany (2002), Ireland (2000), Italy (2002), Netherlands (2002), New Zealand* (2001), Portugal* (2001), Spain* (2001), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2000), United States of America (2000)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(33 members; four-year term)

Eight members from African States

Angola (2002), Cameroon* (2000), Ethiopia (2002), Ghana* (2000), Guinea* (2000), Tunisia (2002), Uganda (2002), United Republic of Tanzania* (2000)

Seven members from Asian States

China (2002), Indonesia (2002), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2002), Pakistan (2002), Philippines* (2000), Republic of Korea* (2000), Sri Lanka* (2000)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2002), Romania (2002), Russian Federation* (2000), Slovakia* (2000)

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (2002), Brazil* (2000), Colombia (2002), Cuba* (2000), Jamaica* (2000), Paraguay (2002)

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* Retiring member.

[g] At the 7th plenary meeting of its resumed organizational session for 1999, on 6 May 1999, the Council elected Australia, Greece, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to replace those members whose terms would expire in 2000.

[h] At the 1st plenary meeting of its organizational session for 2000, on 27 January 2000, the Council elected Finland to replace Belgium for a period extending from 29 January to 15 February 2000.

Eight members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2000), Belgium (2002), Germany (2002), Greece (2002), Portugal (2002), Spain* (2000), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2000), United States of America* (2000)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.